

**BEFORE**  
**THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DOCKET NO. 2014-346-WS**

IN RE:	)	<b>[-----DIUC PROPOSED-----]</b>
	)	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
Application of Daufuskie Island Utility	)	<b>MOTION TO COMPEL</b>
Company, Inc. for Approval of an	)	
Increase for Water and Sewer Rates,	)	
Terms and Conditions	)	
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Currently before the Commission is a Motion to Compel Production of Documents filed in this matter by the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) on August 17, 2020. Daufuskie Island Utility, Inc. (“DIUC”) filed its Response to the Motion to Compel on September 3, 2020.

In its Motion ORS seeks “an order compelling Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Inc. (“DIUC”) to respond to Request 1-1 of ORS's First Continuing Request for Production of the Second Remand.” Motion at 1. In its Response, DIUC asserts that it provided ORS a chart showing “every single invoice and includes for every invoice: the date of invoice, the invoice number, amount due, amount paid, and date of payment.” DIUC Response to Motion to Compel (citing DIUC Response to Request 1-1 at p.4.) DIUC’s position is that, “Comparing the text of Request 1-1 to the Response and the chart provided by DIUC demonstrates DIUC fully responded” to Request 1-1. *Id.* ORS, on the other hand, asserts it “cannot state with any certainty that DIUC’ s previously submitted responses and testimony provided all of the documentation that DIUC possesses because DIUC has refused to indicate which specific invoices comprise the \$269,356 for which it now seeks recovery.” Motion at 4.

The Commission heard oral argument on the Motion on October 8, 2020. During oral argument counsel for DIUC explained that DIUC intends to present \$542,978 of GA rate case expenses for approval but that if the Commission also determines the previously excluded \$699,631 worth of DIUC plant assets should be included in DIUC's Utility Plant In Service, then the portion of the \$542,978 rate case expenses recoverable in the next order will need to be capped when the amount of included rate case expenses causes total GA revenues to exceed the increase noticed by the Application. In such a circumstance, DIUC proposes the remaining invoices of the \$542,978 be carried over for recovery in its next rate case. *See Oral Argument Transcript, October 8, 2020, at p.11, lines 6 to 12; also at Tr. p.48, line 24 to p.49, line 25; also at Tr. p 66, lines 1 to 18.*

At the conclusion of the oral argument hearing the Commission voted to grant the Motion to Compel. Via Order 2020-700 the Commission requested ORS provide a proposed order, which was filed on October 15, 2020. Order 2020-700 allowed DIUC to file a response to the proposed order, which it did on October 19, 2020.

Having considered the filings to date, the oral argument on this Motion, and the record of this matter, it is hereby ordered that:

The Motion to Compel filed by ORS on August 17, 2020, is GRANTED. DIUC is hereby compelled to respond to Request 1-1 of ORS's First Continuing Request for Production of the Second Remand. ORS Request 1-1 states,

ORS Request 1-1

Please provide all documents that support Rate Case Expenses of \$269,356 as identified in the Second Rehearing Direct Testimony of John F. Guastella (p. 17, l. 6) including, but not limited to, the calculation, reconciliation and vendor invoices.

- (a) Please provide all documentation to demonstrate the invoices that are included in the amount of \$269,356 have been paid by DIUC.

DIUC should provide a complete response to ORS Request 1-1. By way of guidance, the Commission anticipates the Response will include materials showing what would constitute a grouping of \$269,356 in contested rate case expenses, that is, which invoices would constitute that amount, including partial invoices and a reconciliation of invoices that DIUC proposes would be included in an award of \$269,356 in rate case expenses.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Justin T. Williams, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Florence P. Belser, Vice-Chairman

(SEAL)

October \_\_, 2020  
Columbia, South Carolina